(9) Compilation by the Record Offices of lists of their publications and reprinting of out-of-print books

Resolution by Thiru S. Singarajan

Resolved that the Record Offices in India should take early steps to compile lists of their publications and reprint such of the publications as are out of print and are still in demand from research institutions and research students.

Explanatory Note

Lists of such publications are very useful for reference purposes and it is the practice with some Archives to append such lists to their publications for information of intending purchasers. Some of the valuable publications have been out of print for decades and the cause of historical research will be furthered by reprinting revised editions of the same.

A resolution on this subject was passed at the 34th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at Trivandrum (Resolution VI) but it has not had the desired effect.

Secretary's Note

Resolution VI referred to was passed by the Research and Publication Committee at its 27th meeting held at New Delhi in September 1958, which recommended that the Record Offices in India should compile lists of their publications and reprint such of them as are out of print. It will be worthwhile to reiterate this resolution. ~~as no reply was received from the State Governments~~. It should also be mentioned, however, that large stocks of many other archival publications are lying unsold, and Governments would feel encouraged to reprint only if sufficient demand is assured.

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The resolution was formally moved by Thiru Singarajan. Dr. Prasad informed that the National Archives of India got re-printed its old publications, by photo-off-set process. By an arrangement with the National Archives of India, a publishing House in Delhi was also reprinting some old publications, and deposited two copies of each reprint with the National Archives. In view of the cost involved in re-printing these works, the members discussed the possibilities of getting a limited number of copies of such publications printed by other latest methods, such as Xerography. The Chairman, thereupon, suggested that the Secretary might obtain expert advice whether it was financially feasible to bring out 100-150 copies of the important publications for which there was a demand, by any of the latest devices.

The following amended resolution was accordingly passed:

> Resolution VI The Commission reiterates its recommendation earlier made in Resolution VI of the Research and Publication Committee at its 27th meeting, and urges that Archives Departments in India should take early steps to compile lists of their old publications which are still in demand and try to get limited number of their copies reprinted.

(10) Implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on Archival Legislation

Resolution by Thiru S. Singarajan

Resolved that early steps be taken for implementing the recommendations of the Committee set up in 1959 by the Government of India for Archival Legislation.

Explanatory Note

Resolutions for introducing necessary legislation were passed at the 37th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at New Delhi in 1966, [illegible] the 39th Session,